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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
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Dr. Joshua Lederberg,
Department of Genetics,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I would like you to consider the possibility of joining the faculty of the School of Medicine of Stanford University as head of a new department, Medical Genetics.

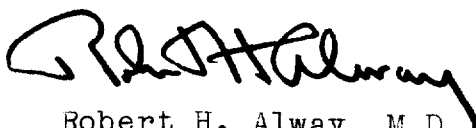
The ferment introduced in 1953 by the Trustee's decision to amalgamate the medical school on the Stanford campus has led to many developments. Not the least has been an evaluation of the curriculum and teaching aims, making possible the introduction of new departments. I am sure you would accept the appointment of Arthur Kornberg as an earnest of the University's intentions.

In addition to Arthur, I know that Avram Goldstein and Henry Kaplan share my enthusiasm for establishing a firm place for medical genetics in this school. I believe that the eagerness of Twitty, Yanofsky and others in Biology to see you seriously consider joining us is particularly significant, since it is our intention that the medical school be more a part of, rather than continuing apart from, the University. Also Dean Rhineland, of Humanities and Sciences, is equally interested, assuring me that an appointment facilitating the granting of PhD. in Medical Genetics seems desirable.

Personnel, space, curriculum hours and other essential considerations seem scarcely insurmountable to us - and - best first considered in person. So, would you and your wife consider an early visit to Stanford? Please call me, collect, at WESt 1-8000 in San Francisco.

Hoping soon to hear from you, I am

Yours truly,


Robert H. Alway, M.D.
Acting Dean.

9 April - This inadvertently held for my signature until my return today.